

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for transmitting voice messages from a caller ~~location~~ to a receiver ~~location~~, said system comprising:

~~a plurality of computers, each of said computers being coupled to each other through a network;~~

a first ~~plurality of~~ access device devices, each of said first access device devices being coupled to a said network and to ~~through~~ a first telecommunication medium;

wherein said first access device includes a voice conversion device ~~board~~ for converting a voice signal received ~~message~~ from a first voice ~~telephone~~ device into digital data; and

wherein said first access device includes a transmission device for transmission of said digital data through said network.

2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said network is the Internet.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method for transmitting voice messages telecommunication, said method comprising:

transmitting a voice signal ~~information~~ from a first voice ~~telephone~~ device at a caller ~~receiver~~ location in a first service area through a first telecommunication medium;

receiving ~~at said first service area~~ said voice signal ~~information~~ in a first access device;

converting said voice signal ~~information~~ into a digital signal in said first access device; and

transmitting said digital signal over a network ~~said Internet to a second access device at a second service area;~~

~~converting said digital signal into data for storage into a memory; and~~

~~retrieving said memory at said second service area using a second telephone device.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein said first voice device is a telephone and said first telecommunication medium is a telephone line.

6 – 30. (Canceled)

31. (New) The system of claim 1 wherein said first voice device is a telephone and said first telecommunication medium is a telephone line.

32. (New) The system of claim 1 further comprising:

a second access device, said second access device being coupled to said network and to a second telecommunication medium;

wherein said second access device includes a receiving device for receiving said digital data from said network; and

wherein said second access device includes a storage device for storing said digital data.

33. (New) The system of claim 32 wherein said second access device includes a retrieving device for retrieving said digital data from said storage device for delivery to a second voice device through said second telecommunication medium.

34. (New) A system for receiving voice messages from a sender, said system comprising:

a first access device, said first access device being coupled to a network and to a first telecommunication medium;

wherein said first access device includes a receiving device for receiving digital data representing a converted voice signal from said network;

wherein said first access device includes a storage device for storing said digital data;
and

wherein said first access device includes a retrieving device for retrieving said digital data from said storage device for delivery to a first voice device through said first telecommunication medium.

35. (New) The system of claim 34 wherein said network is the Internet.

36. (New) The system of claim 34 wherein said first voice device is a telephone and said first telecommunication medium is a telephone line.

37. (New) The system of Claim 34 further comprising:

a second access device, said second access device being coupled to said network and to a second telecommunication medium;

wherein said second access device includes a voice conversion device for converting a voice signal received from a second voice device into said digital data; and

wherein said second access device includes a transmission device for transmission of said digital data through said network.

38. (New) The method of claim 4 wherein said network is the Internet.

39. (New) The method of claim 4 further comprising:

receiving said digital signal from said network by a second access device;

converting said digital signal into data for storage into a storage device; and

retrieving said data for delivery to a second voice device at a recipient location in a second service area through a second telecommunication medium.

40. (New) A method of receiving voice messages, said method comprising:

receiving a digital signal representing a converted voice signal from a network by a first access device;

converting said digital signal into data for storage into a storage device; and

retrieving said data using a first voice device at a recipient location in a first service area through a first telecommunication medium.

41. (New) The method of claim 40 wherein said network is the Internet.

42. (New) The method of claim 40 wherein said first voice device is a telephone and said first telecommunication medium is a telephone line.

43. (New) The method of claim 40 further comprising:

transmitting a voice signal from a second voice device at a caller location in a second service area through a second telecommunication medium;

receiving said voice signal in a second access device;

converting said voice signal into said digital signal in said second access device;

and

transmitting said digital signal over said network to said first access device.